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SUBJ: SOVIETS MOVE TO PROMOTE SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: SOV AMB TROYANOVSKY DELIVERED ORAL MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV TO PM TANAKA FEB 14 INDICATING SOVIET DESIRE TO FUL-FILL ALL COMMITMENTS MADE AT LAST FALL'S SUMMIT MEETING, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. TROYANOVSKY THEN REVIEWED WITH TANAKA STATUS OF FIVE PROJECTS, INDICATING SOVIET DESIRE TO PRESS FORWARD ON EACH, INCLUDING TYUMEN PIPELINE. PM TANAKA ASKED ABOUT PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ONE OF TOP THREE SOVIET LEADERS AFTER JUNE. TROYANOVSKY REPLIED SOVIETS WERE READY TO CONTINUE PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. TROYANOVSKY ALSO MET KEIDANREN HEAD, UEMURA, FEB 12 TO MAKE SIMILAR COMMENTS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. SOVIET TRADE REPS IN TOKYO ARE ACTIVELY FOLLOWING UP ON RENEWED SOVIET INTEREST IN COOPERATION WITH JAPAN IN SIBERIA. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON FEB 14, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TROYANOVSKY CALLED ON PM TANAKA TO DELIVER ORAL MESSAGE FROM SOVIET CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV. ARAI, HEAD, FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIV. OF FONOFF, BRIEFED EMBOFFS FEB 15 ON CONTENTS OF TROYANOVSKY'S APPROACH. ARAI SAID BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE CONTAINED THREE BASIC POINTS: A) USSR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO LAST FALL'S SUMMIT MEETING AND HOPES TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE; B) USSR CONFIRMS ITS HOPE OF ENLARGING ITS COOPERATION WITH JAPAN IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN FAR EAST AND IN WORLD; C) SOVIETS WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REALIZE AGREEMENTS THAT WERE MADE AT SUMMIT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH SOVIET UNION AND JAPAN.

2. TROYANOVSKY THEN BRIEFLY EXPLAINED SOVIET POSITION RE SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT-BY-PROJECT, AS FOLLOWS:

A) KAWAI - SEDOV II (TIMBER PROJECT) -- TROYANOVSKY TOLD TANAKA THAT SOVIETS WERE READY TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ON THIS PROJECT "AT ANY MOMENT" IF AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON PRICE.

B) TYUMEN PIPELINE -- SOVIET SIDE IS READY TO RESUME TALKS WITH JAPAN, AND THE USSR WILL LET THE JAPANESE SIDE KNOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHEN TALKS WILL RESUME.

C) YAKUTSK GAS -- SOVIET SIDE IS SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF RECENT TALKS WITH TOKYO GAS CHAIRMAN, ANZAI. TROYANOVSKY EXPRESSED HOPE FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT.

D) YAKUTSK COAL -- SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE IS NOW UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RESUME TALKS WITH JAPAN. TROYANOVSKY SAID JAPANESE SIDE WOULD BE INFORMED IN THE NEAR FUTURE ABOUT DATE.

E) SAKHALIN PROJECT -- TROYANOVSKY REFERRED TO DISCUSSION RECENTLY HELD BETWEEN TWO SIDES (SEE TOKYO 1990) AND AGAIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR EARLY AGREEMENT. TROYANOVSKY THEN TOLD TANAKA SOVIET GOVT INTENDED TO REALIZE SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH COOPERATION OF GOJ. (COMMENT: WE DO NOT CONSTITUTE THIS TO IMPLY EXCLUSION OF US END COMMENT)

3. ARAI CONTINUED JAPANESE SIDE QUITE SURPRISED THAT TROYANOVSKY HAD THEN GONE ON TO RAISE PRICE OF SOVIET TIMBER (SEE PROJECT 2. A. ABOVE) AT THE MEETING. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA HAD REPLIED THAT JAPANESE SIDE CONSIDERED ITS OWN ATTITUDE QUITE REASON-CONFIDENTIAL

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ABLE. ARAI EXPLAINED THAT SOVIETS WERE ASKING FOR \$69 PER CUBIC METER OF TIMBER WHILE WORLD PRICE AS BELOW \$50. JAPANESE PRIVATE INTERESTS ACCORDING TO ARAI ARE RELUCTANT TO ASK FOR GOVT CREDITS UNLESS TIMBER PRICE IS AT LEAST 10 PERCENT BELOW WORLD MARKET PRICE.

4. ACCORDING TO ARAI, PM THEN ASKED TROYANOVSKY ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON PEACE TREATY, AND EXPRESSED HOPE

THAT ONE OF THREE TOP SOVIET LEADERS COULD COME TO JAPAN THIS YEAR. TANAKA SAID HE WOULD BE BUSY WITH ELECTIONS UNTIL JUNE, BUT THAT AFTER THIS TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIAL. TROYANOVSKY REPLIED THAT SOVIETS WERE READY TO RESUME PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE WOULD PASS TANAKA'S MESSAGE ON TO SOVIET LEADERS.

5. ARAI THEN COMMENTED THAT JAPANESE SIDE HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH TROYANOVSKY'S MESSAGE. IN REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH PM, TROYANOVSKY HAD SAID THAT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV CONTAINED QTE COMPLETE REPLY UNQTE TO POINTS RAISED AT SUMMIT. HOWEVER, JAPANESE LEARNED THAT SOVIETS HAD NOT DESIGNATED SINGLE SENIOR OFFICIAL TO SUPERVISE SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AS BREZHNEV HAD PROMISED AT THE SUMMIT. TROYANOVSKY ADMITTED TO TANAKA THAT HE HAD NO ANSWER ON THIS SUBJECT. JAPANESE WERE ALSO STRUCK BY RATHER GENERAL NATURE OF BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE, WHICH CONTAINED NO SUBSTANTIVE SPECIFICS.

6. ON FEB 12 AMB TROYANOVSKY ALSO MET WITH UEMURA, PRESIDENT OF KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS), AND RELAYED MUCH THE SAME LINE. HE PROMISED SOVIETS WOULD SOON BE IN TOUCH WITH JAPAN TO INVITE IMAZATO, PRESIDENT OF OVERSEAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION, TO MOSCOW IN MARCH FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON TYUMEN. TROYANOVSKY D
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